

**FIRE RESTRICTION AND PREVENTION ORDER
STAGE 2
RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a)[areas] and 261.50(b) [roads and trails], the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the Rio Grande National Forest located in Saguache, Rio Grande, Mineral, Hinsdale, Conejos, Alamosa, Archuleta and San Juan Counties. This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety.

- 1) Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. [36 CFR 261.52(a)]. EXCEPT: Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices are allowed.
- 2) Smoking. EXCEPT: within an enclosed vehicle or building. [36 CFR 261.52(c)].
- 3) Using an explosive (e.g. fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material) [36 CFR 261.52(b)].
- 4) Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame [36 CFR 261.52(i)].
- 5) Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark-arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a) [36 CFR 261.52(j)].
- 6) Entering the Restricted area without any firefighting tool prescribed by the Order; Specifically, operating a chainsaw without a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one size 0 or larger round pointed shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches. The extinguisher shall be with the chainsaw operator. The shovel may be kept with the fueling supplies but readily available [36 CFR 251.52 (g)].

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the specified Prohibitions of this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission are exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, #5, and #6 .
2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty are exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, #5, and #6.

3. Resident owners and leasers of land within the restricted area exempt from No. 1, provided such fires are within a residence.

This Order shall be in effect at midnight, June 25, 2012 and will remain in force until rescinded, or December 31, 2012, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Monte Vista, CO, this th day of June, 2012.

for 

DAN S. DALLAS
Forest Supervisor
Rio Grande National Forest

6/25/2012

Date

Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.